

Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

FC2 Jeff Marr

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Growing up, today's Sailor of the Day enjoyed taking things apart, such as fireworks and nearly anything else that exploded.

A natural progression occurred when FC2 Jeff Marr joined the Navy. After seven years of service, he still enjoys the fire controlman rating which allows him to 'play' with weapons systems and ammunitions.

Marr, whose father is a retired naval officer, said he felt he did not really have a plan for his future, and "just wandered into the recruiting station one day."

Despite not being sure about what he wanted to do, he felt his choice was a good one.

"I like my job," said Marr who joked that he picked his rate due to climate control. "Every day I encounter something new."

Working as part of Combat Systems Department, Marr is the work center supervisor for CS-47 and the damage control petty officer. He also maintains and operates the M23 Target Acquisition System (TAS) -- a system that works in conjunction with the NATO Seasparrow surface missile.

Marr joined the "Gold Eagle" crew five years ago after completing "A" and "C" school for the M-23 TAS system.

"My job is my hobby," responded Marr before revealing he also enjoyed surfing, making people laugh and having barbecues. "There is nothing like having a get together with friends."

Marr looks forward to arriving in Virginia, so he can see sunnier weather, catch up on his outdoor hobbies and be closer to home.

"It's a ten hour drive but still closer than Washington state," said Marr.

"During this deployment, I would like to save money, earn my ESWS qualification and meet some new friends," said Marr. "Basically things to better myself."



Marr takes a breather from working on the MK-23 TAS Radar system to catch up with his coworkers, who he likes to keep laughing. From left: FC2(SW/PJ) Eric McQuitty, FC2 Jeff Marr and FC3 Joe Black.



FC2 Jeff Marr discusses the accomplishment log for Damage Control. Marr has been a member of the "Gold Eagle" crew for five years.



Marr performs a reloading operation program for the MK-23 Target Acquisition System (TAS) radar. The MK-23 is used for detection, tracking, identification, threat evaluation and weapon assignment.



